

Life & Leisure

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Oh, baby... NEX holds bevy of activities

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Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) held many activities for patrons over the Memorial Day weekend. They included a Diaper Derby event for babies, a *keiki* ID event for children in partnership with the Honolulu Police Department, an appearance by Hello Kitty, and a lei-making demonstration.

NEX has also scheduled an upcoming series of free activities on June 15 for authorized patrons. They include:

- A *keiki* ID card event with the Honolulu Police Department will be

held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the NEX children's department.

- A pre-show of the Red Bull X-Fighters Jams will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in the NEX mall parking lot. There will be live music, games, prizes and Zumba dancers prior to a motocross show.

- Red Bull X-Fighters Jams motocross will be from noon to 4 p.m. in the mall parking lot.

Attendees should arrive early to find parking. Motocross athletes will perform freestyle tricks and stunts. The event will be followed by a meet and greet and free giveaways.

- A senior fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the NEX mall self-service aisles on the second floor. NEX has partnered with Tripler

Army Medical Center, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii and United Health Alliance to provide information booths on health and dental benefits, nutritional consultations, wellness demos, body fat testing, over the counter medication consultations, and a pharmacist on site for questions and answers.

- Patrons can visit the NEX pet shop from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to learn about responsible dog ownership, terrier and dachshund breeds, grooming, breeding referral and animal protection. A specialist will be on site for a question and answer session with pet owners and pet owners-to-be.

For more information on the events, call 423-3287.



Photo illustration | Photos by Justine Elona

Alpha Dogs back into race with win over 613th AOC

Story and photo by
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The Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH) Alpha Dogs got out to an 8-0 lead and went on to defeat the 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) Aces, 11-5, in a White Division intramural softball game at Hickam Softball Complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win may have salvaged the Alpha Dogs season after a slow start out of the gates in eighth place with a 2-4 record – four places out of qualifying for the playoffs.

Meanwhile the loss by the 613 AOC came at a bad time for the Aces, who, at 5-2, have been battling with Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) for the fourth and final postseason berth.

Even though the Alpha Dogs entered the showdown almost three games behind the 613 AOC, NHCH pitcher Hospitalman Josh Griffin said that the team wasn't intimidated.

"We like to play every team as equals," he explained. "Even if they were the last team, we're going to look at them like the first team. We're going to play the same way we always play."

To show that the standings meant nothing to them, the Alpha Dogs came out swinging

and, coupled with fielding errors by the 613 AOC, immediately tacked on four runs in the top of the first inning.

After plating one run, an infield error by the 613 on a routine ground ball hit by Griffin allowed three more runs after the Alpha Dogs loaded the bases with two outs.

Then after Griffin got out of a jam in the bottom of the frame without surrendering a run, the Alpha Dogs posted three runs in the top of the second to take a commanding 7-0 lead.

The big hit in the inning came off the bat of Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Nick Simpson, who cracked a triple that drove in two of the three runs.

Later, a single by Simpson drove in another run in the top of the fourth inning for an 8-0 advantage.

After three scoreless innings, the 613 AOC finally got on the board with two runs in the bottom of the fourth on run-scoring singles from Tech. Sgt. Matthew McArthur and Master Sgt. Shaun Gaskins.

The Alpha Dogs came back to score a run in the top of the fifth, but the 613 AOC tallied two more times in the bottom of the frame on a two-run single from Master Sgt. Jeremy Waldorf to make it 9-4.

However, the Alpha Dogs put the game away for good by coming up with two more runs off of an error and a run-scoring single by Operations Specialist 1st Class Maxwell Derck.



A runner from Naval Health Clinic Hawaii (NHCH) Alpha Dogs slides to beat the throw to second base during a White Division game versus the 613th Air and Space Operation Center (613 AOC) Aces.

Tsunami youth club is on track for great season

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With so many activities offered through Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Youth Sports, such as baseball, basketball and football, a few military families might not notice that MWR also offers a youth track and field program.

Still, despite the heavy competition with other sports, the MWR track and field team, called the Tsunami, hasn't gone under the radar among a core of supportive families that have adopted the multifaceted sport as their own.

This year, the Tsunami have collected more than 60 youth athletes, from ages 8 to 16, and spread them among events that include long-distance running, sprints, shot put, discus and hurdles.

Head coach Master Sgt. Dan Palumbo, 647th Security Forces Squadron, said that although the team is small compared to other clubs on the island, he feels confident that the Tsunami will be a force in the USA Track & Field Association (USAT&F) season that kicked off on June 1.

"Compared to the rest of the island, we're a smaller team, but we're very competitive in the long dis-



Brody Hires, age 12, practices his stride at Earhart Field.

tance," Palumbo said.

"We're probably one of the top teams out there. We have a bunch of guys that won state last year

and a couple of guys that can probably win a state meet this year. And our sprinters are coming along. They are going to be

very competitive. We got a couple of guys that are probably going to be top in state this year. We're looking good out there and we got high hopes."

While Palumbo currently serves as head coach, Master Sgt. Joe Fitzsimmons, Pacific Command (PACOM), who was the team's head coach last season, ably helps him.

In addition, the team, which holds practices three times a week for an hour and a half, also receives support from four other volunteer parents to oversee the sprinters, shot put and discus athletes on the squad.

"The first part of our workouts are very structured," revealed Fitzsimmons, who praised other parents for stepping up.

"The last half hour is a cool down where we try to incorporate some type of fun activity. We always try to get some type of reward at the end. Actually, some of our fun games are intense workouts and they don't even realize it."

Team member 13-year-old sprinter Olivia Oldham said that although the practices are tough, she feels that it is exactly what she needs to excel in the sport.

"This is exactly what I thought it would be," she admitted. "I came in wanting to learn how to get

faster and build up my momentum, and this is exactly what the coaches have been teaching us."

Oldham, who is in her first season in track, said that what really motivates her are the competitive meets, which are sanctioned by USAT&F.

Palumbo said that while competing is fun for some athletes, he realizes how pressure packed a meet can be for others.

In order to limit the stress, Palumbo and his coaching staff advocate a different kind of competition.

"We basically push them on breaking their own times because if they break their times, the places will come," he said. "We mentor each athlete to break their own personal records and don't worry about first, second or third place. The harder you practice, the better you'll get."

Palumbo and Fitzsimmons both have two children running on the Tsunami track and field team.

Conner, Palumbo's 8-year-old son, said that he runs because he wants to be like his dad, who was a track star in high school.

However, during practice, Conner uses someone else to keep him motivated.

"My dad says if we don't practice we don't get better," he said. "I want to

Although hitting has been a problem area for the Alpha Dogs this season, Griffin said that a little tinkering with the batting order seems to have solved the dilemma for now.

"Basically, I changed up the lineup completely," he said. "We've been struggling with our hitting all season, but we changed things up and everybody came out swinging."

McArthur, who had a big day at the plate for the 613 AOC, said that finding consistency at bat has been a big problem for his team.

"That's what we've been trying to answer all season," said McArthur, who had three singles and an RBI. "We've been having trouble getting the bats going."

While he was disappointed by the loss, McArthur, who started his final game as a Staff Sgt., said that it's good to keep things in perspective.

"I always remember that it's just a game out here," said McArthur, who was promoted to Tech Sgt. on the following day. "There are guys deployed right now that can't play this game that we're playing."

Meanwhile, Griffin said that he wasn't sure if the win marks a turning point in the Alpha Dogs' season, but he and his teammates are happy to walk off the field with the victory.

"It felt real good," he admitted. "Especially since we haven't scored this many runs in awhile."

practice so I can get better than Nick (a teammate). Nick always beats me and I mostly come in second."

Besides Conner, Palumbo's other son, 10-year-old Dylan, also runs track for the Tsunami.

As a coach, Palumbo, said that nothing makes him happier than when he sees the satisfaction of the athletes when they give it their all.

"When they do their best and they know that they've done better than they did last week and they're out smiling and laughing, that's what I like to see," he said.

Meanwhile, Fitzsimmons, whose 13-year-old son Joe and 11-year-old daughter Jenna are members on the team, said his most satisfying achievement comes at the end of the season when he looks back and sees the progress made by each child.

"Sometimes, it's just looking back at the beginner athletes, where they were struggling to do one lap, and all of a sudden they are in the Hawaii championships and doing good," Fitzsimmons said.

"And people that change their whole physique and attitude in a matter of three or four months, you can say that you had a major part in that."

For more information about the track team or other sporting activities for youth, call MWR Youth Sports at 473-0789.

Friends of Hickam fishing tournament ‘hooks’ *keiki*

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Hundreds of children and families gathered this year for the 14th annual *Keiki* Fishing Tournament hosted May 29 by the Friends of Hickam at the Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens in Kaneohe.

The *keiki* fishing tournament brings together the Friends of Hickam mission, to support promote and foster stronger community relationships, and two of the 15th Wing's top priorities, growing resilient Airmen and building relationships.

The children fished a 600-yard section of a pond stocked with small mouth bass, catfish, red devil fish and tilapia. The fish caught were measured by a volunteer team of fishing marshals comprised of volunteers from the Friends of Hickam and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam personnel.

Volunteers also set up the fishing area, prepared lunch, and cleaned up after the event.

The tournament was divided into boys and girls categories, and trophies were handed out for most fish and the largest fish.

At the end of the day, everyone one was fished out, but not a single child walked away from their experience with empty hands. Every child received



(Top left) Lorelei Howe, 6, smiles over her catch at the annual *Keiki* Fishing Tournament. (Top right) Kalia Dela Cruz, 5, and her older brother Cody Dela Cruz, 9, pose with fish they caught. (Bottom left) Bruce Shewalter (left), Friends of Hickam president, engages in a “fish-off” against Col. Dan Baldessari (right), 15th Operations Group commander. (Bottom right) Ha'ane Clifton (right), 6, and her father Tech. Sgt. Austin Clifton (center), 647th Security Forces Squadron, center, show off her catch to a volunteer fishing marshal.

ved a brand new fishing pole and age appropriate books courtesy of the Friends of Hickam.

The day focused on the children of military members and spending quality time as a family. The event included pizza and hot dogs.

Ha'ane Clifton, 6, with the help of her father, Tech. Sgt. Austin Clifton, 647th Security Forces Squadron, caught a total of six fish.

“For me it was a great opportunity to spend time with my daughter. This is our second year attending the Friends of Hickam *Keiki* Fishing Tournament, and it was just as much fun as last year,” said Austin.

“What I liked most about the fishing tournament was spending time with my dad, catching fish, and the prizes and the ice cream,” said Ha'ane.

According to Senior Airman Aaron Dancel, 747th Communications Squadron, cyber transportation technician, “It was a great event for the kids to enjoy with their family and friends. It was my daughter's first time fishing, and she had a fun time catching a fish and we'll be back again next year.”

“I enjoyed spending time with my family and friends. And I was able to catch a bright orange fish. I really like fishing and hope I can catch a lot more next time,” said Amara Dancel, 6.

Short-handed JPAC still mercy rules Dirt Bags

Story and photo by
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Sports Editor

Despite missing a few starting players, Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC) still had enough in their tank to get past Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303 “Dirt Bags” by a score of 12-2 on June 4 in a Blue Division intramural softball game at Hickam Softball Complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

After a slow start at the plate, JPAC picked up the pace with four runs in the top of the third and three runs in the very next inning to take a 10-0 lead.

In gaining the victory, JPAC kept their place atop of the Blue Division with a perfect 8-0 record, while the hard-luck Dirt Bags saw their mark fall to 2-6.

“We're missing a few guys. We're about half down,” JPAC hurler Senior Chief Explosive Ordnance Disposal Jeremy Porter admitted after throwing four shutout innings to pace the squad. “We had to add guys to the roster, but we still have our core starters, so we're doing all right.”

In the first inning, Porter got things started for JPAC by delivering an RBI single to take a 1-0 lead.

Then in the second inning, Department of Defense (DoD) civilian Ben Fransen, batting in the leadoff spot, smashed a clutch two-out single down the right-field line to drive in two more runs.

In the top of the third, JPAC hitters finally got things rolling when DoD civilian Ryan Taira and Porter hit back-to-back singles, before Cmdr. Larry Gonzales lined a double to drive in a run.

The rally continued as Sgt. 1st Class Dharwin Delarna and Staff Sgt. Nicklaus Hale cracked consecutive run scoring triples before an infield error by the Dirt Bags allowed the fourth and final



Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC) shortstop Department of Defense civilian Ben Fransen makes the pivot at second base to try to complete the double play in a Blue Division intramural softball game versus Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303 “Dirt Bags.”

run of the inning.

The Dirt Bags opened up the bottom of the third with back-to-back singles, but Porter induced two infield pop-ups and a fly ball to center field to get out of the inning unscathed.

The goose egg by Porter seemed to spark the JPAC bats again as the team immediately started another rally with Fransen hitting a single to open the top of the fourth.

Taira connected on a double to put two runners in scoring position

before Porter banged a single to drive in a run.

Next batter Gonzales drew a walk and then, with the bases choked full of JPAC runners, Sgt. Matthew Rausch crushed a long fly that bounced over the center-field fence on one hop for a ground-rule double to drive in two more runs.

“That really woke everybody up,” said Porter about the double hit by Rausch, who is among the recent additions to the team.

Although the Dirt Bags finally

broke through for two runs in the bottom of the fourth, JPAC sent them packing early with two runs in the top of the fifth and another shutout inning by Porter to call it a game.

“Just concentrating on the ball,” said Gonzales about the team's 12-run outburst. “Not swinging for the fence, the winds blowing in, guys realize that, so you're not going to hit a home run – just solid contact.”

While the team may have been missing a few familiar faces in

the lineup, Gonzales said that it was business as usual.

“We have a lot of good players,” he said. “We practice once a week and we push each other.”

Even though JPAC may lose a couple more players before the season is over, Gonzales said that the team will do everything it can to preserve its perfect record.

“Losing sucks,” he stated. “We enjoy playing ball together. This is a good team and, we generally want to win for each other.”

Pearl Harbor Historic Sites honor military birthdays with ‘free pass’ days

In tribute to the service and sacrifice made by America's armed forces, the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites announced that active-duty service members, retirees, and family members will have free pass days to celebrate the birthday of their respective U.S. military branch.

Paid admission is being waived

for tours of the Battleship Missouri Memorial, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor and USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park to respective branches for the following weekends.

Free pass days are: U.S. Army, June 15 and 16; Coast Guard, Aug. 3 and 4; Air Force, Sept. 21

and 22; Navy, Oct. 12 and 13; Marine Corps, Nov. 9 and 10; National Guard, Dec. 14 and 15.

The only requirement is presentation of a valid military I.D. at the ticket and information booth located at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument or onsite at each historic site.

“The historical artifacts and

displays showcased by the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites represents the unwavering service and commitment to America's freedom by the men and women of our U.S. military,” said Michael A. Carr, president and chief operating officer of the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

“As we honor the birthdays of our armed forces throughout this year, we invite our service members and their families to come experience the legacy of Pearl Harbor and all that it means to our nation's history,” Carr added.

For more information, visit www.PearlHarborHistoricSites.org.



Live the Great Life

Personal stories bring Hickam historical tour to life

Decades-old buildings at Hickam still bear the scars of bullets targeted for U.S. Airmen during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack by Imperial Japan.

Historical sites and memorials are a permanent part of the landscape of Hickam, and they honor the people and families whose lives were forever changed by those events.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation offers a Hickam historical tour at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

This tour helps patrons to understand the role that Hickam Field played in World War II. Participants will see the original buildings where the Army Air Forces' Airmen, nurses

and officers and enlisted families lived and will hear personal stories of the "Day of Infamy."

Providing more than just chronological facts, historian Jessie Higa paints a picture illustrating the often-undocumented personal side of the Dec. 7 attack during these tours. Higa will share anecdotal stories and first-person accounts culled from the memories of those who were fortunate to survive the attack.

Mark Saruwatari, tour director, explained that the personal stories are what make this tour unique. Saruwatari added that, unlike other military tours offered around the island, this tour "is the



Henry Heim, a retired Army Air Corps service member and Hickam Airfield attack survivor, salutes at the Roll of Honor at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

only one of its kind. There is no other tour for Hickam."

Patrons will not only hear about the historic former Hickam Field during the 1941 attack but also learn little-known tidbits about the unique botanical and architectural landscape that gave Hickam the nickname "Garden City."

The Hickam historical tour departs at 9:30 a.m. every Friday from the Hickam Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) office. The price is \$45 for adults and \$40 for children (ages 3-11) and includes lunch. For more information, call the ITT office at 448-2295.

Summer concert series begins June 21 at Hickam Harbor

A free summer concert series will feature the Pacific Fleet Band, Air Force Band of the Pacific and the Marine Forces Pacific Concert Band. It will be held in partnership with Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Authorized patrons are invited to bring a beach chair, blanket and their favorite treats and beverages to the concerts. All the concerts start at 5:30 p.m.

Events at Hickam Harbor are as follows:

- June 21, the Pacific Fleet Band popular music group will perform tunes from all mainstream genres including rock, pop, hip-hop, country and rhythm-and-blues.

- July 26, Hana Hou — the rock band of the United States Air Force Band — and the Pacific Fleet Band popular music group will perform classic rock, rhythm-and-blues, top 40 and Hawaiian favorites.

Events at the grassy area between the Fleet Store and Scott Pool are as follows:

- Aug. 23, the Air Force Band of the Pacific's "Papana" group and the Pacific Fleet VIP Combo band will perform a diverse repertoire including classic and contemporary jazz, Latin, bebop and original arrangements.

- Sept. 13, pops in the park will take place with Marine Forces Pacific Concert Band performing music from stage and screen, light classics and patriotic favorites. There may also be some surprises at this Friday the 13th concert.

The concerts are open to all military-affiliated personnel and Department of Defense ID cardholders and their sponsored guests. No pets, umbrellas or tents are allowed. The schedule is subject to change without notice.

For more information, visit www.greatlifehawaii.com or [Facebook.com/greatlifehawaii](https://www.facebook.com/greatlifehawaii).



July 4th Beachfest to feature action-oriented activities

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a free July 4th Beachfest from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Hickam Harbor.

The Air Force Band of the Pacific-Hawaii and the Pacific Fleet Band will perform a variety of music at the event, including rock, pop and a patriotic salute.

Activities and entertainment include:

- Demonstrations of water-propelled jet packs and a chance to register to win a jet pack experience for two.
- Shave ice while supplies last.
- Standup paddleboarding.
- A boat tour of the harbor.
- A discover scuba adventure.
- Sales of food and beverages.
- Free *keiki* (children's) fun activities.

Patrons can register to win prizes, including a \$1,000 gift certificate. Other prizes include beach cottage stays, luxury golf packages and other MWR recreational and dining experiences.

Pre-register for July 3 overnight camping at the Hickam Marina Office. Space is limited. For more information on camping, call 449-5215.

The event is open to all military-affiliated and Department of Defense cardholders and their sponsored guests. Parking is available at Hickam Harbor, the Hawaii Air National Guard parking lot and Honeymoon Beach.

For more information, visit the websites www.greatlifehawaii.com or [Facebook.com/greatlifehawaii](https://www.facebook.com/greatlifehawaii).

UH football clinic brings coaches to joint base military families

University of Hawaii (UH) head football coach Norm Chow and staff will hold a free football clinic from 9 a.m. to noon June 22 at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The clinic is for youth ages 5-13. Registration is available online under the youth sports section of www.greatlifehawaii.com and will be open until June 19.

The clinic will consist of basic drills and provide an opportunity for children to interact and learn from division I football coaches. Attendees will be able to work on skills that will assist in the development of their football athletics.

"We are very excited and thankful to be working with the University of Hawaii. The knowledge and experience being provided at our upcoming football clinic will prove to be valuable to players of all skill levels," said James Cosper, youth sports and



Military youth practice flag football in preparation for the upcoming University of Hawaii football clinic.

fitness director.

The clinic is a community outreach program provided by UH coaches. It is one of the

ways the team gives back to the community in Hawaii. For more information, call 473-0789.

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Warrior Friday will be held from 4:30 to 10 p.m. tonight at the Hickam Officers' Club, Koa Lounge. Patrons can relax after work with a special *pau hana* (after work) buffet. FMI: 448-4608.

All-Military Surf Classic will be held from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at White Plains Beach. Spectators can watch the action from the beach. FMI: 682-4925.

Painted Memories Art Class will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. June 11 and 13 at the Hickam Arts & Crafts Center. Adults and children ages 16 and older can turn their favorite land or ocean scene photographs into acrylic paintings on canvas. FMI: 448-9907.

MWR Newcomers Luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 12 at Tradewinds Enlisted Club. Newcomers to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam can attend this free event to obtain information on MWR activities and for prize giveaways. Register at

www.greatlifehawaii.com. FMI: 473-2570.

Women's Surf Classes will begin at 9 a.m. June 15 at Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. Those interested should sign up by June 11. Students will be schooled in the history, wave science, etiquette and techniques of surfing. Participants must be able to swim without a lifejacket. FMI: 449-5215.

Stand-Up Paddleboard and Snorkeling at Pokai Bay will begin at 9 a.m. June 15 at the Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. Signups are due by June 12. Participants will head to the leeward coast for water play and beach relaxation. FMI: 473-1189.

Father's Day Sunday Barbecue Brunch seatings will be at 10 a.m. and noon June 16 at the Hickam Officers' Club. Barbecue favorites and a variety of traditional brunch dishes will be offered. All ranks are welcome, and reservations are required. FMI: 448-4608.

Morale Welfare & Recreation

“HAVE BOOK, WILL TRAVEL”: GENEALOGY
Hickam Library will hold a free genealogy lecture at 2 p.m. June 15. Guest speaker James Gay will teach attendees how to learn more about their ancestors and where they came from. FMI: 449-8299.

FREE GOLF CLINIC
There will be a free golf clinic at 10:15 a.m. June 15 at the Barbers Point Golf Course. FMI: 682-1911.

UFC 161 IN HD
Patrons can watch Barao vs. Wineland in high-def at 3 p.m. June 15 at J.R. Rockers. Doors open at 2 p.m. for preliminaries. FMI: 448-2271.

DADS BOWL FREE
Fathers can bowl up to two free games with a paying family member from noon to 3 p.m. June 16 at the Hickam and Naval Station Bowling Centers. Dads can also get a free medium soft drink from the snack bars. FMI: 448-9959 or 473-2574.

KAYAKING CHINAMAN’S HAT
There will be a kayaking excursion to Chinaman’s Hat starting at 9 a.m. June 16. Departures are from the Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. This trip can sometimes be moderate in the level of difficulty. The deadline to register is June 12. FMI: 473-1198.

FORD ISLAND HISTORICAL TOUR
There will be a Ford Island historical tour from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. June 19. Ford Island played a significant role in World War II, and this tour will visit often-overlooked historical battle sites. The tour departs from Rainbow Bay Marina parking lot, next to Schooners in front of Cabana C. Free pickup is also available at lodging (call for times). FMI: 448-2295.

LEARN TO STAND-UP PADDLEBOARD
Learn the basics of paddleboarding at 9:30 or 10:45 a.m. June 22 at Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. June 18 is the last day to register. FMI: 449-5215.

MOONLIGHT PADDLE
There will be a moonlight paddle at 8 p.m. June 22 at Hickam Harbor. Participants of all paddling abilities are welcome. The trip includes kayaks, gear and professional guides. June 18 is the final day to register. FMI: 449-5215.

Community Calendar

JUNE
8–10 – The Colombian ship ARC Gloria will be at Aloha Tower Pier 9 today and will be open for tours this weekend. Tour visiting hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors should wear casual clothing, The ship tour is open to participants of all ages, provided they can climb stairs. The ship’s mission is training the cadets of the naval school and serve as an ambassador of Colombia abroad.

15– The USO will hold a Twilight Tribute to the Troops event from 3 to 9 p.m. at Sea Life Park. Parking is limited, so car-pooling is strongly recommended. Free off-site parking by shuttle transportation will be available from Bellows Air Force Station. The event will include entertainment by Chief Sielu, animal shows and giveaways. FMI: Kristin Tierney at 422-1213 or Melanie Bray at 259-2500.

15 – A pre-show of the Red Bull X-Fighters Jams will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) mall parking lot. There will be live music, games, prizes and Zumba dancers prior to a motocross show. The Red Bull X-Fighters Jams motocross will be held from noon to 4 p.m. in the mall parking lot. Attendees should arrive early to find parking. Motocross athletes will perform freestyle tricks and stunts. The event will be followed by a meet-and-greet and free giveaways. FMI: 423-3287.

20 – The Hawaii Department of Education is fielding an online survey to understand, from the public at large, perceptions of public education in Hawaii. To take the short survey, go to the Survey Monkey account: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DOEComm>. The survey will be available until June 20, 2013. FMI: Teri Yamashige at 226-0078 or email teriy@mac.com.

JULY
6 — An Independence 5K run/walk will be held starting at 7 a.m. at Ford Island. Prizes will be awarded for the top three male and female finishers and for best patriotic costume. All proceeds will benefit the 2013 Enlisted Navy Ball. Those interested should sign up at www.active.com or www.navyballhawaii.com. FMI: www.facebook.com/#!/PearlHarborNavyBall



IRON MAN 3 (PG13)
Marvel's "Iron Man 3" pits brash-but-brilliant industrialist Tony Stark/Iron Man against an enemy whose reach knows no bounds. When Stark finds his personal world destroyed at his enemy's hands, he embarks on a harrowing quest to find those responsible.

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY 6/7
6:00 Iron Man 3 (PG13)

SATURDAY 6/8
4:00 Iron Man 3 (PG13)
6:00 Studio Appreciation Advance Screening - free admission - rated PG 13 *. Tickets available at local exchange food courts. Seating will open to non-ticket holders 30 minutes prior to showtime.

SUNDAY 6/9
2:00 Iron Man 3 (PG13)

Movie Showtimes

SHARKEY THEATER
is closed for renovations
until June.

Some MWR facilities and services may be subject to change. For more information, visit the JBPHH website at www.cnic.navy.mil/pearlharbor-hickam or the Navy Region Hawaii website at www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii.



NIOC Hawaii Sailors remember fallen shipmates at Memorial Day event

CTN3 Zachary Barnes

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More than 10,000 people gathered on the shore of Ala Moana Beach Park to participate in the 15th annual Lantern Floating Hawaii ceremony on Memorial Day, May 27.

As part of the ceremony, members of the military and civilians alike remember their loved ones who sacrificed their lives at war. This year more than 6,000 lanterns were set adrift in their memory.

“I thought the event was beautiful. ‘Many Rivers, One Ocean’ was a great theme and it showed in the atmosphere and diversity of the thousands who gathered,” said NIOC Hawaii Sailor Cryptologic Technician Collection 1st Class Jeremy Gottschalk.

In 1999, the head of the Shinnyo-en Buddhist order, Shinso Ito, officiated the inaugural ceremony. The ritual pays respect to lost loved ones with prayers and messages written on rice paper surrounding a candle on small floating lanterns set to sea near dusk.

Taiko drummers beat a prayer for peace before the six “parent lanterns”



U.S. Navy photo by CTN3 Darlin Paz

Service members set their lanterns out to sea in memory of their fallen shipmates.

were set adrift, carrying the prayers for victims of war, natural and human disasters, famine and disease with hope of encouraging harmony worldwide.

Among the speakers during the ceremony was former Army sergeant of the 804th Drum and Bugle Corps and World War II survivor of the attack of Pearl Harbor, Allen Bodenlos. He attended the ceremony to also honor his best friend and fallen Sailor, Clyde

Williams. Upon his lantern he simply inscribed, “To my best friend,” a bond of brotherhood and love for someone who impacted his life so profoundly more than 72 years ago.

“It’s my first duty when I get here, to go to the Arizona and pay my respects,” Bodenlos said.

Bodenlos has volunteered in San Diego at the Veterans Administration Hospital for the last 20 years and traveled to share his experience with

more than 100,000 high schools, colleges and at events such as this.

“Allen is a national treasure,” said David Atkins, a member of Bodenlos’ “adopted” family while he’s on island. “He has dedicated his life to public service.”

Along with Bodenlos, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen also honored those who have died in the name of the United States.

Justin Kershaw, Naval Information Operations

Command (NIOC) Hawaii Commanding Officer set out to honor every Sailor who has died in the line of duty during the current War in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The NIOC Diversity Counsel, led by Ensign Kyle Crump, sponsored all 229 Sailors who have fallen during current military engagements. NIOC Sailors were given the opportunity to choose from the list of names and float a lantern in commemoration of their sacrifice and contribution to the Navy’s “Global Force for Good.”

Cryptologic Technician Networks 1st Class Marissa Viaene, who was in attendance at the event with her sister and friend, sponsored five Sailors. On each of their lanterns, she wrote a quote from past and present presidents, an homage to the idea of freedom and liberty for which they gave their lives.

Viaene acknowledged the dedication and sacrifice of those overseas by researching their obituaries and familiarizing herself with their stories. “I have a lot of respect for these men and women. When I signed the papers to join I understood that I could die [tool],” said Viaene.

A common theme among

the service members who attended the lantern floating was an understanding and acceptance of the implications of war and their own service as a Sailor.

“I decided to participate because of a deployment I was on in 2011. There was a huge list on a wall at Fort Dix of Sailors who died in Afghanistan. Being [at the ceremony] made me thankful for not being one of those lights,” said

Cryptologic Technician Collection 3rd Class David Polsdorfer. He sponsored two fallen Sailors at the lantern ceremony. Michael Gray died in 2004 and Sean Brazas in 2012. They were both the same rank as Polsdorfer.

“Seeing [Allen Bodenlos] made me wish I knew both of them personally. It made me think of the people remembering them on that day, too, their families, friends, and shipmates,” he said.

Cryptologic Technician Networks 3rd Class Darlin Paz said she felt calm while setting her lantern adrift at the ceremony.

“It feels like we’re putting them at peace. I feel thankful for each person who has contributed their life, especially the veterans. The lantern ceremony was the perfect way to do it,” Paz said.

YMCA Camp Erdman plans summer camps

YMCA Camp Erdman will hold summer camps for military children and teens.

Due to a donation from Bank of Hawaii, financial assistance is now available for military families in addition to current military, sibling and YMCA membership camp discounts.

YMCA Camp Erdman is located between the Waianae mountains and the beaches of Mokuleia.

Camp programs include:

- One-week overnight camps (ages 6-16) and upgrades for specialty surf (ages 10-16 and horse-manship camp (ages 8-16). Sessions run now through

Aug. 9.

- Two-week leaders in training teen camp for ages 14–16 (July 7 – 19).

Camp activities include:

- Swimming, archery and sports.
- Campfire, nature programs, beach ecology and survival skills.
- Climbing wall, alpine tower challenge and odyss-ey high ropes course.
- Arts and crafts and personal development.

For more information, call Andrew VanDerWege at YMCA Camp Erdman at 687-6233 or e-mail avanderwege@ymcahonolulu.org for more information on discounts and financial assistance.

Test used in selection for officer aviation program

Mary Robles

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The Aviation Selection Test Battery (ASTB) is used in making selection determinations for officer aviation program applicants.

The ASTB is used by the Navy Personnel Command and the Commandant of

the Marine Corps to select candidates for the Navy and Marine Corps pilot and flight officer programs. Portions of the test are also used by the Navy for selection into Officer Candidate School.

The ASTB is administered at Navy recruiting districts, NROTC units at major universities, Marine Corps officer selection offices, and at numerous

other permanent custody sites. The test is administered in both paper and web-based format using the APEX test delivery platform.

If any of these activities cannot support administering the test, the member’s command security officer should contact the ASTB testing office at 850-452-2379 and request a paper copy of the test. The

security officer will be responsible for the administration and returning of the test to Navy Medicine Operational Training Center.

For more information on the scheduling and administration of the ASTB, refer to OPNAVINST 1420.1B (enlisted to officer commissioning programs application administrative manual), chapter 8, section 3.

PMRF 4th of July event scaled back, not open to public

Pacific Missile Range Facility
Public Affairs

The traditional fireworks show will not be included in this year’s freedom celebration at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) on the island of Kauai due to budget constraints.

In addition, the Navy’s July 3 observance at PMRF will be a picnic-type, family event open only to Department of Defense ID cardholders, their families and MWR recreational pass holders. July Fourth events have been scaled back across all Navy installations worldwide as a result

of fiscal constraints and sequestration.

“We regret we won’t be able to host public Independence Day activities on base this year,” said Capt. Nicholas Mongillo, PMRF commanding officer. “We hope to be able to return to normal operations in fiscal year 2014.”

Veterans honored at Pacific Aviation Museum

More than 200 people, including eight World War II veterans and veterans of other conflicts and their guests, gathered May 24 for a Memorial Day observance at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

Guests enjoyed a reception followed by the Hawaii premiere screening of the film “Honor Flight: One Last Mission.” Afterwards, guests were treated to dessert and a musical salute by the Marine Corps Band.

“Tonight we pay tribute to those who served,” said Kenneth DeHoff, museum executive director, addressing the gathering. “What you have given for our country is beyond our ability to repay.”

For more information about the museum, visit PacificAviationMuseum.org.



Sailors create positive environment with bowling nights

A bowling night has been started as a way to get all of the Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) chapters in the Pacific Region together with their families in a positive atmosphere.

According to Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Abrel Smith of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Security (CSADD president), the bowling nights are held on the first and third Monday of each month from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Pearl Harbor Bowling Center. The next event is scheduled for June 17.

The cost of the bowling is \$1.50 for shoe rental and \$1.50 per game. Smith and fellow CSADD president Aerographer's Mate 3rd Class Heather Johnston of Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Joint Warning Typhoon Center, came up with the idea for the bowling nights. For more information on the bowling nights, e-mail abrel.smith@navy.mil or heather.johnston@navy.mil. Visit the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/JBPHHCSADD?ref=hi.

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(Back row, second from right) Kenton Odo, NAVFAC Pacific architect, participates in the Tobe! Uta Sanshin in Hawaii 2010 charity recital at the Hawaii Okinawan Center. Odo is playing the Sanshin, a three-stringed, snake skinned guitar-like instrument with no frets.

Architect’s appreciation for Asian culture, music benefits NAVFAC Pacific mission

NAVFAC Pacific Public Affairs

Kenton Odo, an architect working for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, is a fourth generation Okinawan/Japanese American who embraces his Okinawan culture through music.

Odo was the recipient of the Okinawa Prefectural Government Scholarship and explored that opportunity by attending the Okinawa Prefectural Performing and Fine Arts University. This where he found his passion for music.

While in Okinawa, Odo also completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) School of Architecture. He accomplished this by finishing his last papers and finals through the mail.

He continued to pursue music for the next three and a half years in Okinawa and studied extensively with Master Choichi Terukina (National Living Treasure of Japan). He was later awarded the title of Denshōsha (Okinawa Prefectural Intangible Cultural Asset, official keeper) and also received his Shihan (master instructor) certificate under Master Choichi Terukina and Grant ‘Sandaa’ Murata (Protégé of Master Choichi Terukina) in 2010.

Odo was now fully educated, certified and equipped with both the knowledge and love for the Okinawan culture and music. His love for music was shown through the Uta Sanshin, an Okinawan musical instrument. Uta means song or singing; Sanshin is a three-stringed, snake-skinned, guitar-like instrument with no frets. The Sanshin in the Okinawan culture is the main instrument, but more important than playing the Sanshin was the vocal, as

the lyrics told the story.

Odo said he is ecstatic about sharing his love and talent for the Okinawan culture by teaching weekly Uta Sanshin classes in Aiea and a monthly class on Maui. Some NAVFAC Pacific employees and retirees are students in his class.

Although Odo is deeply involved with his cultural heritage, he finds ways to balance family and work life. Odo has been with the NAVFAC Pacific ohana for almost three years and believes that his cultural heritage plays a huge role in supporting his mission with the Navy.

“Learning and embracing my Okinawan culture has definitely helped support my mission with the Navy,” said Odo.

“Since I’ve lived there, I intimately understand the climate issues of Okinawa, which aids in the design of Seabee projects there. Knowing conversational Japanese and the cultural differences also help break the communication barrier between our NAVFAC Far East counterparts.”

“Ultimately, I believe everything is about relationships. Living in a foreign country among the locals, I could either just get by and survive, or I could assimilate and thrive. I chose the latter, and I’d like to think I do the same when I am put in new environments, new projects and new tasks,” Odo said.

Odo currently serves as the vice president of Ryukyu Koten Afuso Ryu Gensei Kai Hawaii Shibu, which is an organization of schools studying the classical Ryukyuan (Okinawan) music in the Afuso style. He also has also participated in a speaking engagement at UHM and served as a guest speaker for the Hawaii United Okinawa Association’s Genealogy Club.

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